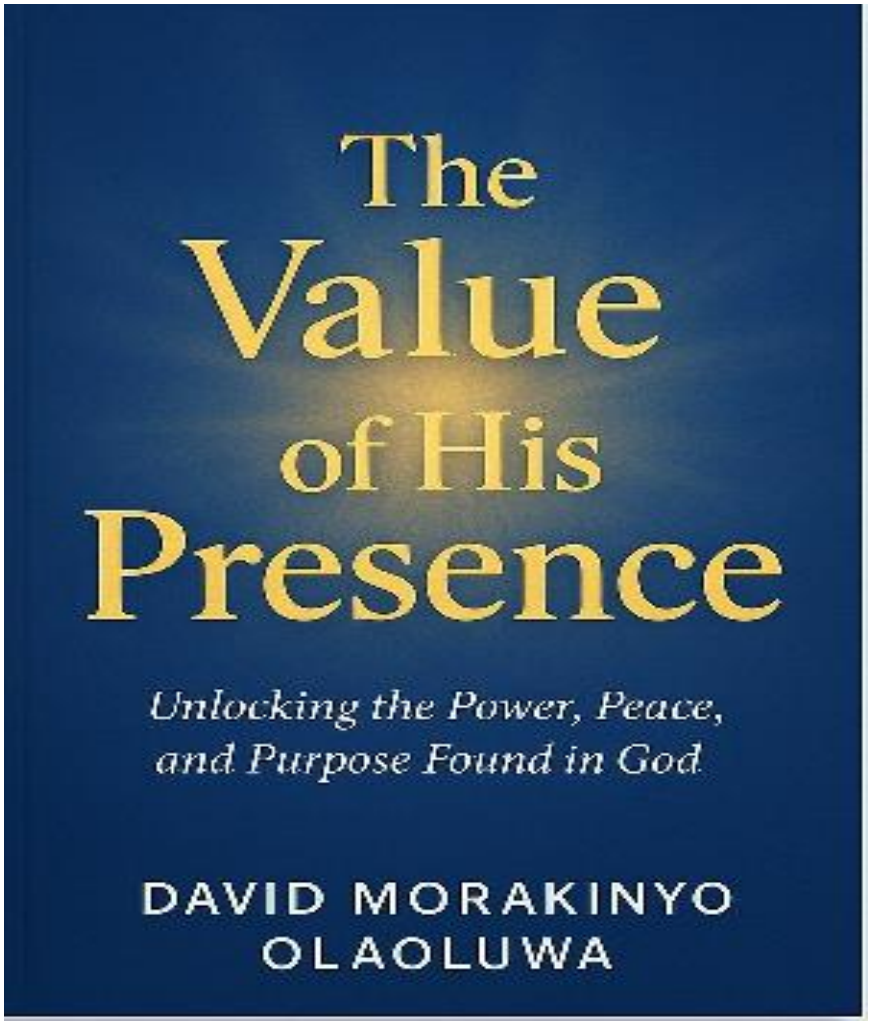
THE VALUE OF HIS PRESENCE



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Dedication

I dedicate this book to all who hunger for the presence of God, and to the next generation of believers who will carry His glory with boldness and love.

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Chapter 1

The Cry of Moses

"Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people." — Exodus 33:13

Moses was not an ordinary leader. He was chosen by God to deliver Israel out of bondage in Egypt, to lead them through the Red Sea, and to guide them toward the land of promise. Yet, in Exodus 33, we encounter one of the most profound prayers in Scripture. Moses did not ask for wealth, or power, or even for success in leadership. Instead, his cry was simple yet weighty: "Show me now Thy way, that I may know Thee."

This cry reveals the heart of someone who understood that the true value of life is not in external achievements, but in knowing and walking with God. It is striking that Moses, who had already experienced God in mighty ways — through miracles, signs, and wonders — still felt the desperate need for more of His presence. For Moses, the presence of God was not optional; it was essential.

1. The Context of Moses' Cry

Exodus 33 comes after Israel's grievous sin of idolatry with the golden calf. The people had turned away from God, and His anger was kindled against them. Though God promised that an angel would still go before them to lead them into the land flowing with

milk and honey, He Himself said, “I will not go up in the midst of thee” (Exodus 33:3).

This was a sobering statement. The promised blessings would still be theirs — land, provision, protection — but without God’s presence. For many, this might have been enough: the land, milk, and honey without the demand of God’s holiness. But not for Moses. He recognized that all the blessings of God mean nothing if God Himself is absent.

Thus, his cry was not for the promised land, nor for the angelic escort, but for God Himself. “If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence” (Exodus 33:15).

2. The Priority of God’s Presence

Moses teaches us that the presence of God must be our highest pursuit. Too often, believers are tempted to settle for God’s gifts without God Himself. We long for healing, prosperity, influence, or ministry success — yet sometimes neglect intimacy with the One who gives all these things.

Moses’ prayer challenges us: Would we be content with God’s blessings if His presence were absent? True maturity in Christ is when our hearts echo Moses’ cry: “Lord, we want You more than what You can give us.”

3. Knowing God Beyond His Works

Moses did not only want to see God’s works; he longed to know God’s ways. Psalm 103:7 says, “He made known his ways unto

Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel." The children of Israel were satisfied with miracles, but Moses pressed deeper for intimacy.

To know God's ways means to understand His heart, His character, and His desires. It is one thing to experience His power, but it is another to walk in communion with Him. Moses craved relationship, not just results.

This sets a model for us: miracles and blessings are wonderful, but they are not substitutes for the presence of God. The greatest privilege of the believer is not what God does for us, but that we can know Him personally.

4. The Cry of a Leader for His People

Moses' intercession was not self-centered. Notice his words: "…and consider that this nation is thy people" (Exodus 33:13). He was not only pleading for personal intimacy but also for the people he led. A true leader knows that the greatest need of God's people is not better strategies, bigger programs, or material blessings — it is the presence of God in their midst.

This is why revival begins not with clever human ideas, but with a desperate return to God Himself. Every pastor, leader, or parent must echo Moses' cry: "Lord, go with us. Without You, we cannot move forward."

5. Lessons for Today

The blessings of God are empty without His presence.

True leadership is interceding for others to experience God.

Intimacy with God must be a higher priority than ministry success.

Knowing God's ways is greater than merely seeing His acts.

6. A Call to the Church

Today's church is in danger of being satisfied with activity, numbers, and programs, while sometimes neglecting the very presence of God. We may have buildings, technology, and influence, but without His presence, it is all vain. Moses reminds us that what distinguishes the people of God is not our resources, but the indwelling glory of His presence.

Therefore, let us return to the cry of Moses. Let us hunger for God Himself above all else. Let our prayer be: "Show me now Thy way, that I may know Thee."

Chapter 2

The Assurance of Grace

"And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." — Exodus 33:14

Moses' desperate cry in verse 13 was met with a reassuring promise from God: "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." This is one of the most comforting declarations in Scripture. It reveals that God not only hears the cry of His children but also responds with grace and assurance.

Whereas Moses feared moving without God's presence, the Lord affirmed that His presence would indeed remain with His people. Here we learn that intimacy with God is not just about human desire but also about divine commitment. God Himself delights to dwell with His children, and His presence is not a reluctant gift but a loving assurance.

1. God's Presence as a Gift of Grace

Notice that God did not tell Moses that His presence would go with them because of their perfection, their strength, or their obedience. Israel had just fallen into idolatry with the golden calf! Yet God responded with mercy. His presence is an expression of grace, not merit.

This is good news for us today. Many believers struggle with feelings of unworthiness, believing that God will withdraw from

them because of their weaknesses. But the gospel assures us that through Christ, God is "Emmanuel — God with us" (Matthew 1:23). His presence is not something we earn; it is something freely given.

2. The Rest that His Presence Brings

God not only promised His presence but also rest. This rest is not mere physical relaxation, but a deep spiritual peace that flows from confidence in God's nearness.

Hebrews 4:9-10 connects this rest to faith in Christ: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." True rest is freedom from striving in our own strength, and a reliance on the sufficiency of God.

Israel was heading into unknown territories, facing enemies stronger than themselves. Yet God's promise of presence guaranteed victory and peace. Likewise, no matter the uncertainty in our own lives, His presence assures us of rest in the midst of battles.

3. Presence vs. Performance

The assurance of grace reminds us that what sustains us is not our performance but His presence. Too often, we try to earn God's favor through good works or religious activity. Moses' intercession and God's response remind us that our confidence must not rest in ourselves but in the One who walks with us.

This does not mean we live carelessly. Rather, it means that obedience flows from intimacy, not from fear. When we truly

experience the assurance of His presence, we naturally desire to walk in His ways.

4. The Presence that Distinguishes Believers

God's presence was what separated Israel from all the other nations. Pagan nations had idols, armies, and wealth, but Israel had something greater — the living God in their midst. Similarly, in our time, what sets apart a true follower of Christ is not earthly success, but the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Himself promised, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). This assurance is not just for apostles and prophets, but for every believer. Whether in the valley of trials or the mountaintop of blessings, His presence is constant.

5. Living with Confidence in His Presence

If we truly believe in the assurance of grace, we will:

Face life's challenges with boldness, knowing we are not alone.

Resist the temptation to live in fear or self-reliance.

Walk in peace, trusting that God's presence guarantees rest.

Approach prayer not as begging a distant God but as conversing with a present Friend.

6. A Call to Rest in His Promise

Moses' heart was comforted when God assured him of His presence. Today, the Lord speaks the same to us: "My presence shall go with

thee, and I will give thee rest." This is not a conditional statement but a divine guarantee for those who walk with Him in faith.

Let us, therefore, cease from anxious striving and rest in the assurance of His grace. In a world filled with pressures, uncertainties, and storms, His presence remains our anchor.

Chapter 3

The Distinction of His Presence

"For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth." — Exodus 33:16

Moses pressed the conversation further. He understood that the true identity of Israel was not in their culture, their rituals, or their possessions. Their distinction came from one thing: the presence of God. Without God, they were just another wandering tribe. But with God, they were a chosen nation set apart from all others on earth.

This truth remains the same for the Church today. Our distinction is not found in our buildings, our numbers, our traditions, or even in our knowledge. What truly marks us as God's people is the reality of His presence among us. Without His presence, we are ordinary. With His presence, we are extraordinary.

1. Presence as the Mark of Identity

Moses asked a profound question: "For wherein shall it be known…?" He understood that nations around them would only recognize Israel as God's people if His presence was visible and evident.

In the same way, Christians are not identified by outward labels or symbols alone. Crosses, church names, and titles mean little without the presence of Christ reflected in our lives. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). This love is not natural — it flows from the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

2. The Presence that Separates

The word Moses used — "separated" — is important. God's presence does not only comfort; it also consecrates. It sets us apart. Israel was not to blend with the pagan nations; they were to reflect the holiness of God.

For us, the presence of God calls us to a lifestyle different from the world. It affects how we speak, how we live, how we treat others, and how we make decisions. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 6:17, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

Separation is not isolation but consecration — living in such a way that people can tell there is something different about us because God dwells in us.

3. The Visible Evidence of His Presence

When Israel carried the Ark of the Covenant, nations trembled because they knew God's presence was with them. Similarly, when believers walk in the fullness of the Spirit, the world can see the evidence:

Boldness in the face of opposition (Acts 4:13).

Joy and peace that surpass understanding (Philippians 4:7).

Supernatural love that forgives and restores.

Holiness that convicts and attracts others to God.

This visible evidence is what convinces the world that we are not ordinary. We carry the mark of His presence.

4. The Distinction in Our Generation

In our time, the Church is often tempted to seek relevance by copying the world's systems, styles, and values. But true distinction does not come from imitation; it comes from habitation — God dwelling with us. What will set this generation apart is not how modern or advanced we are, but how deeply we walk in the presence of God.

We don't need to compete with the world's entertainment, politics, or trends. What the world cannot imitate is the presence of the living God in the midst of His people.

5. Lessons for Today

The presence of God is what makes us distinct, not human effort.

Separation from the world is not legalism but evidence of His presence.

The world recognizes God's people not by outward religion but by the visible fruit of His Spirit.

Our generation's greatest need is not more strategies, but more of God's presence.

6. A Call to Live as People of His Presence

Moses refused to lead without God's presence because he knew Israel's very identity depended on it. Today, we must make the same choice. As individuals, families, and churches, let us not be satisfied with activity, form, or reputation. Let us pursue the one thing that makes all the difference — the presence of God.

When His presence is with us, we will stand out in purity, power, and purpose. We will be light in a dark world, and salt in a tasteless generation. This is the true distinction of God's people.

Chapter 4

The Rest of His Presence

"And He said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." – Exodus 33:14

When God answered Moses' plea, He did not promise riches, armies, or strategies. Instead, He gave the ultimate assurance: "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

This promise reveals something vital about God's presence: it brings rest. Not simply the rest of physical sleep, but the deep, soul-satisfying rest that comes from knowing God is near, in control, and fighting on our behalf.

The wilderness was filled with hardship—thirst, hunger, enemies, uncertainty. Yet God's presence was a continual source of rest: a pillar of cloud by day to guide them, a pillar of fire by night to protect them, manna from heaven to feed them, and His glory in the tabernacle to assure them.

What Is the Rest of His Presence?

1. Rest from Fear

When God is with us, fear loses its grip. Israel could face giants and hostile nations because God's presence was their shield.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me." (Psalm 23:4).

2. Rest from Striving

Human effort alone cannot secure victory. Israel could not conquer Canaan by strength, but by God's power.

Likewise, we are not called to strive in our own strength but to rest in His finished work. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." (Zechariah 4:6).

3. Rest from Anxiety

In a world filled with uncertainty, God's presence is our anchor.

Jesus promised, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).

Biblical Illustrations of Rest in His Presence

The Ark of the Covenant – Wherever the ark went, God's people found victory and peace, for it symbolized His presence among them (Joshua 3:13–17).

Solomon's Temple – When the glory of the Lord filled the house, the priests could not stand to minister; it was the rest of His holy presence (2 Chronicles 5:13–14).

Jesus in the Boat – When storms arose, the disciples panicked. But Jesus' presence brought calm. "Peace, be still." (Mark 4:39).

Living in the Rest of His Presence Today

Through Prayer – In prayer, we cast our burdens and exchange anxiety for His peace (Philippians 4:6–7).

Through Worship – Worship shifts our focus from problems to God's greatness, filling us with rest.

Through the Spirit – The indwelling Holy Spirit brings continual rest, reminding us we are never alone.

Why Rest Is Essential in Ministry

Moses could not lead a nation of millions without rest in God's presence. Likewise, today's pastors, teachers, leaders, and believers cannot endure without it. Burnout comes when we serve without drawing from the rest of His presence.

Rest is not passivity—it is confidence. It is knowing that while we work, God is working greater things in us and through us.

Reflection Questions

1. In what areas of your life are you striving instead of resting in God's presence?

2. Do you allow fear and anxiety to overshadow the assurance of His nearness?

3. How can you cultivate a lifestyle of resting in His presence daily?

Prayer

Father, thank You for the rest that comes through Your presence. Deliver me from fear, striving, and anxiety. Teach me to lean on You, to walk in Your Spirit, and to trust in Your power. May Your presence give me peace in every storm, and confidence in every battle. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Chapter 5

Walking in His Presence

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." – Genesis 5:24

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

– Galatians 5:25

The value of God's presence is not only in knowing it exists, but in learning to walk in it daily. Many believers acknowledge that God is present everywhere, but few cultivate a lifestyle of conscious, continual fellowship with Him. Moses longed not for a momentary visitation, but for the abiding presence of God throughout the wilderness journey.

To walk in His presence means to live every part of our lives—public and private, great and small—in awareness of His nearness. It is an invitation to intimacy, obedience, and transformation.

The Call to Daily Fellowship

Walking in His presence begins with the understanding that God desires fellowship with His people. From the beginning, He walked with Adam in the garden (Genesis 3:8). Though sin broke this fellowship, through Christ the way was restored. Now, the Holy

Spirit dwells within us, making it possible to live in constant communion with God.

Morning to Night: God's presence is not reserved for church services. He desires to be acknowledged in our work, our studies, our homes, and our decisions.

In Trials and Joys: Walking in His presence means involving Him in every season—leaning on Him in trials, rejoicing with Him in blessings.

In Stillness and Activity: Even in the busiest of days, we can cultivate an inner awareness of His nearness through prayerful dependence.

Biblical Models of Walking in His Presence

1. Enoch – He walked so closely with God that his life became a testimony of intimacy and faith. His walk was so consistent that God took him directly into His presence (Hebrews 11:5).

2. Abraham – God told him, "Walk before Me, and be thou perfect" (Genesis 17:1). His life of faith was marked by obedience rooted in God's presence.

3. Jesus Christ – The perfect model of walking in God's presence. He said, "The Father hath not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him." (John 8:29).

Practical Steps to Walking in His Presence

1. Prayerful Awareness – Cultivate short prayers throughout the day: "Lord, guide me." "Lord, thank You." This keeps your heart tuned to Him.

2. Obedience – His presence is most real when we walk in holiness and align with His Word. Disobedience dulls our sense of His nearness.

3. Worship – Worship shifts our focus from self to God, opening our hearts to His presence.

4. The Word of God – Scripture is the voice of His presence. The more we meditate, the more His presence shapes us.

5. Sensitivity to the Spirit – The Spirit speaks in whispers. Walking with Him requires attentiveness and surrender.

The Fruits of Walking in His Presence

Guidance: His presence directs our paths (Proverbs 3:5–6).

Protection: Those who walk with Him are shielded by His covering (Psalm 91:1).

Power: Walking in His presence equips us to resist temptation and walk in victory (Galatians 5:16).

Transformation: As we walk with Him, His character is formed in us, and others see Christ reflected through us (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Beholding His Presence

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” — 2 Corinthians 3:18

The Christian life is not only about knowing that God is with us but also about learning to behold His presence. To behold means to gaze upon, to fix our attention, and to experience. It is more than a passing glance; it is a deep, intentional focus on God. Scripture teaches us that transformation comes not from trying harder but from beholding Him. As we behold His glory, we are changed into His likeness.

This is the essence of walking in the presence of God — not simply acknowledging Him from afar but cultivating a lifestyle of gazing upon His beauty and drawing strength from His nearness.

1. Beholding through the Word

God reveals Himself through His Word. Every time we open the Bible, we are invited to see His character, His promises, and His heart. The Scriptures are not merely ink on paper; they are the living revelation of the presence of God.

Psalm 119:18: “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

When we study with a heart of faith, the Holy Spirit turns the Word into a window to God’s glory.

👉 Practical step: Each time you open your Bible, pray, “Lord, reveal Yourself to me in these pages. Let me see You in Your Word.”

2. Beholding in Prayer and Worship

Prayer is more than petitions; it is communion. Worship is more than singing; it is gazing upon God’s beauty. David captured this longing in Psalm 27:4: “One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD… to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.”

In worship, our focus shifts from problems to God’s greatness.

In prayer, we learn to wait and listen, not just speak.

👉 Practical step: Create space in prayer not just for speaking but for silence — waiting before Him until your heart senses His presence.

3. Beholding by the Spirit

Paul reminds us that beholding God is the work of the Holy Spirit. Without Him, spiritual truths remain veiled. But when the Spirit opens our eyes, Christ becomes real to us.

1 Corinthians 2:10: “But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

👉 Practical step: Before study or worship, invite the Spirit: “Holy Spirit, unveil Jesus to me. Help me to see His glory.”

4. Beholding through Obedience

Beholding is not only about spiritual activities; it is also about lifestyle. Jesus said in John 14:21, “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me… and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.”

God reveals more of Himself to those who walk in obedience. Each step of faithfulness opens a new dimension of His presence.

👉 Practical step: After hearing God’s Word, ask: “How can I apply this today?” Living it out is part of beholding Him.

5. Beholding in Daily Life

God's presence is not limited to church services. He desires to walk with us in the ordinary moments of life. To behold Him daily means training our hearts to be God-conscious.

Acts 17:28: "For in him we live, and move, and have our being."

👉 Practical step: Practice whisper prayers throughout your day: "Lord, I acknowledge You here with me." This simple habit keeps your heart tuned to His presence.

6. The Transformation of Beholding

When we behold God, something supernatural happens — we are changed.

As we behold His holiness, we pursue purity.

As we behold His love, we grow in compassion.

As we behold His power, we walk in boldness.

Transformation is not self-effort; it is the natural result of gazing upon Christ. This is the secret of true spiritual growth.

7. A Call to Behold Him

The invitation is simple: fix your eyes on Jesus. The world clamors for our attention, but lasting change comes from beholding His presence. Make time daily to look upon Him — in the Word, in worship, in prayer, in obedience, and in everyday life.

When you truly behold Him, you will find that His presence not only surrounds you but reshapes you into His likeness.

✨ Ask Yourself:

Do i intentionally make time to behold God daily, or do distractions rule my focus?

How has beholding Him in worship, prayer, or the Word transformed me?

What small steps can i take today to grow in the practice of beholding His presence?

Chapter 6

The Eternal Presence

"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God." – Revelation 21:3

The story of God's presence with His people does not end in the wilderness, nor even in the earthly ministry of Jesus. It stretches into eternity, where His people will dwell with Him forever. From the tent of meeting in Exodus, to Emmanuel ("God with us") in the Gospels, to the indwelling Spirit in Acts, to the final vision in Revelation, the presence of God is the great thread that runs through the entire Bible.

Moses longed for God's presence to remain with Israel during their earthly journey. Today, believers experience His presence through the Spirit as a foretaste of what is to come. But the greatest joy still lies ahead—the eternal presence of God, where there will be no more separation, no more sin, no more veil, and no more temple, for "the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." (Revelation 21:22).

The Journey of His Presence

1. In the Old Testament

God's presence was seen in fire, cloud, and the tabernacle, yet often veiled and distant because of sin.

His glory dwelt in the Holy of Holies, accessible only by the high priest once a year.

2. In the New Testament

The presence of God took on flesh in Jesus Christ, who dwelt among us (John 1:14).

Through His death and resurrection, the veil was torn, and access to God's presence was opened for all believers.

3. In the Church Age

The Holy Spirit now dwells within every believer, making us temples of His presence (1 Corinthians 6:19).

His presence guides, comforts, convicts, and empowers us daily.

4. In Eternity

In the New Jerusalem, God's presence will no longer be veiled or limited. His people will see Him face to face, and His glory will fill all things.

The Blessings of the Eternal Presence

1. Perfect Fellowship

We shall know Him as we are known (1 Corinthians 13:12).

No barrier of sin, doubt, or distance will remain.

2. Perfect Joy

"In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:11).

Every tear will be wiped away, and sorrow will cease (Revelation 21:4).

3. Perfect Rest

The struggles of the wilderness journey will end. God's people will enter the eternal Sabbath of His presence (Hebrews 4:9–10).

4. Perfect Light

The Lamb Himself shall be the light of the city; there will be no night there (Revelation 22:5).

Living in the Light of Eternity

The promise of God's eternal presence is not only a future hope but a present motivation. Knowing that one day we will dwell in His glory should inspire us to:

Pursue holiness (2 Peter 3:11–12).

Endure trials with hope (Romans 8:18).

Value His presence now as a foretaste of what is to come.

Conclusion

The Treasure of His Presence

From the cry of Moses in Exodus 33 to the vision of John in Revelation 21, the message is clear: the greatest treasure a believer can possess is the presence of God.

We learned in Chapter 1 that Moses' cry was not for blessings, but for intimacy with God.

In Chapter 2, we saw that His presence is secured not by our merit but by His grace.

In Chapter 3, we discovered that His presence is what sets us apart from all other peoples and nations.

In Chapter 4, we understood that His presence brings true rest, peace, and confidence in every battle.

In Chapter 5, we were called to walk daily in His presence, cultivating continual fellowship with Him.

In Chapter 6, we were lifted to eternity, where His presence will be our everlasting joy and inheritance.

The testimony of Scripture, the experience of the saints, and the cry of every hungry soul is this: Without His presence, we are nothing; with His presence, we have everything.

Finally, the value of His presence is beyond silver and gold. It is greater than success, greater than titles, greater than possessions. Kings and prophets longed for it, martyrs gave their lives for it, and the church is sustained by it. His presence is our identity, our strength, our rest, and our eternal reward.

"Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever." — Psalm 73:25-26

1. The True Treasure

When Moses cried, "If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence" (Exodus 33:15), he declared the treasure of life itself. It was not the land flowing with milk and honey, not the defeat of enemies, and not even the fulfillment of promises that he valued most. It was the presence of God.

This is the treasure of all treasures: the reality that the living God chooses to dwell with His people. From Genesis to Revelation, this has been the heartbeat of God's plan. In Eden, He walked with Adam and Eve. In the wilderness, He dwelt among Israel in the tabernacle. In the New Covenant, He came as Emmanuel — God with us. And in the final vision of Revelation, His dwelling will again be with men (Revelation 21:3).

The presence of God is not an accessory to life; it is the essence of life. Without it, nothing satisfies. With it, everything else fades in comparison.

2. The Treasure Compared to Earthly Riches

The world chases treasures of gold, wealth, fame, and success. But Scripture consistently shows that the true treasure is not material but spiritual.

Proverbs 3:13-15: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom… She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her."

Matthew 13:44: "The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."

The presence of God is that hidden treasure worth selling everything to obtain. Earthly riches fade, but His presence is eternal.

Moses could have chosen the blessings without the presence. Many today do the same — chasing material prosperity while neglecting intimacy with God. But the wise know: His presence is better than silver, gold, or worldly success.

3. The Treasure that Transforms

The value of God's presence lies not only in comfort but in transformation. As Paul declared, "But we all, with open face

beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory…" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

When we truly treasure His presence, we cannot remain the same. Like Moses, whose face shone after being in God's presence (Exodus 34:29), we are changed in character, conduct, and conversation.

This transformation is the evidence of those who truly treasure His nearness. His presence is not something we merely enjoy; it is something that shapes us to reflect His holiness, His love, and His power.

4. The Treasure of Rest and Peace

Another dimension of the treasure of His presence is the rest it brings. God promised Moses: "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Exodus 33:14).

In a restless world, full of anxiety, fear, and striving, His presence is the anchor of peace.

Philippians 4:7: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Isaiah 26:3: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Rest is the gift of those who treasure His presence. It is not the absence of problems but the assurance that He is with us in every storm.

5. The Treasure of Guidance and Power

Those who treasure God's presence walk in divine guidance. David testified: "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalm 16:11).

When God's presence goes before us, we are never lost. He orders our steps, gives us wisdom, and empowers us for victory. Israel's triumphs were not because of their might, but because God went with them. Likewise, our success in life and ministry depends not on human strategies but on His presence working in and through us.

6. The Treasure of Eternal Fellowship

Finally, the greatest treasure of God's presence is that it never ends. Earthly blessings are temporary, but His presence leads us into eternal fellowship. Revelation 21:3 declares: "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

This is the ultimate fulfillment of the treasure: eternal communion with God, unhindered by sin or distance. What Moses longed for on the mountain, we will experience forever in the New Jerusalem.

7. Our Response to the Treasure

The question for us is simple: Do we truly treasure His presence above all else? Moses was willing to forfeit the Promised Land if God would not go with them. Are we willing to forsake worldly treasures, ambitions, and comforts to pursue Him?

Paul counted all things as loss compared to the excellence of knowing Christ (Philippians 3:8).

David longed for one thing: to dwell in the presence of the Lord forever (Psalm 27:4).

Jesus Himself said, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

When we treasure His presence, everything else finds its proper place.

8. Living as People of the Treasure

As you finish this journey through The Value of His Presence, remember this: the treasure is not a theory but a lifestyle. To live as people of His presence means:

Choosing intimacy over activity.

Pursuing God Himself above His blessings.

Reflecting His character in a broken world.

Walking daily in the awareness of His nearness.

Longing for His eternal presence more than earthly gain.

Final Word

This treasure is available to every believer, but it must be sought. God promised in Jeremiah 29:13: "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

The treasure of God's presence is greater than any earthly reward. It gives identity, peace, transformation, guidance, and eternal joy. Like Moses, let your cry always be: "If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence."

When you treasure His presence above all else, you will discover that you already possess the greatest riches of all: God Himself.

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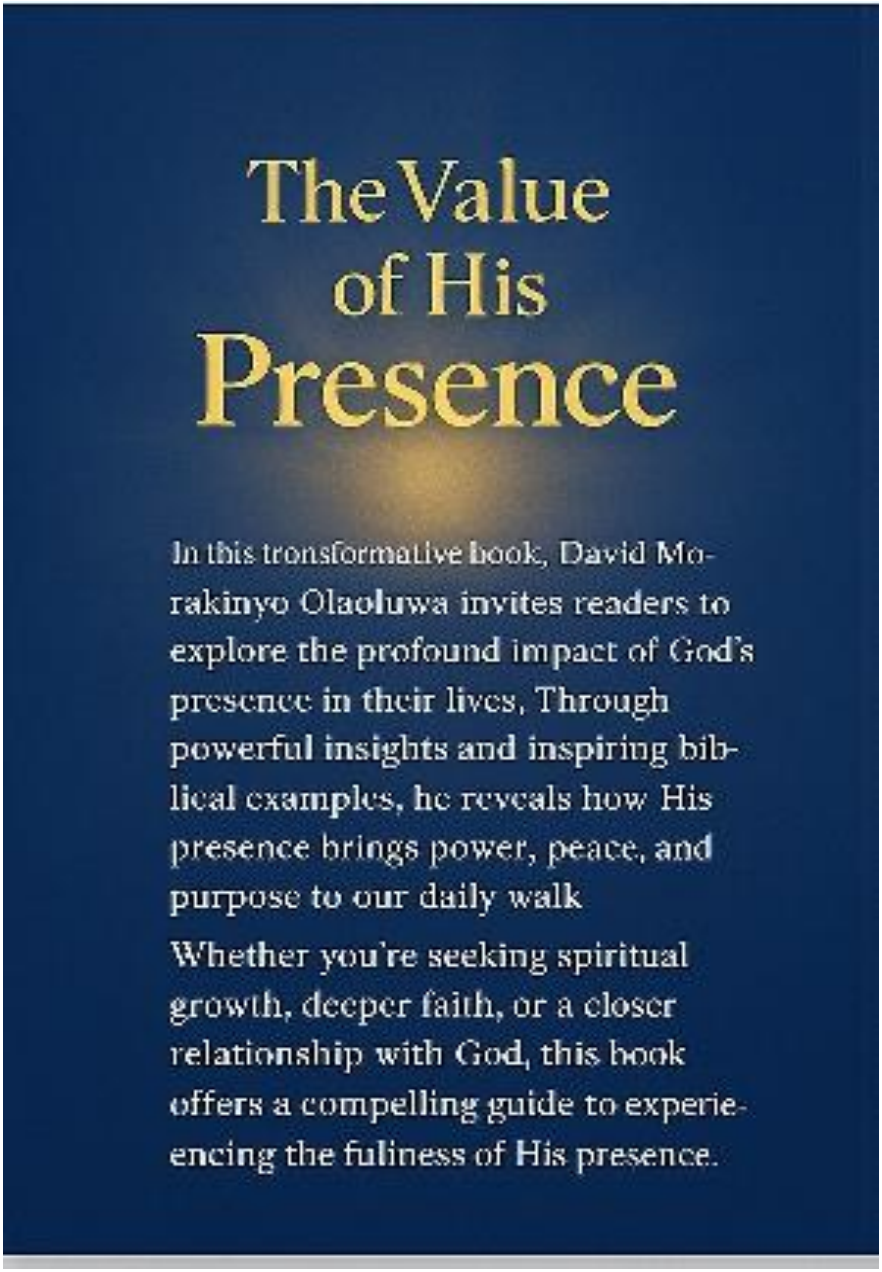
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